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3 Watergate books by newsmen to appear

Three books about the Watergate scandal are currently being prepared by newspapermen, with two of the hooks scheduled for release during September.

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Bantam Books will bring out a paperback, The Watergate Hearings: Break-in and Cover-up, by the end of September.

The book is being jointly produced by the New York Times and Bantam.

Times White House correspondent R. W. Apple, Jr. will supply a narrative to accompany testimony, exhibits and photographs. The book will cover the first phase of the hearings, recently adjourned.

Viking Press will issue a hard-cover edition of the book in October.

Ballantine Books is releasing its book, Watergate, September 14. The book was written by a four-man investigative reporting team for the London Sunday Times. Again, the paperback will be followed by a hard-cover edition in October.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post correspondents, Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, are scheduled to publish their study of the scandal in March, 1974. Simon & Schuster will publish the book.

Bantam's effort is the latest in a series of paperback "extras" produced in cooperation with the Times. In the past, the two organizations have produced books on the Kerner Commission report and the 1972 Nixon China visit.

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